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SUBJECT: GROMYKO LECTURES DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER

SUMMARY: GROMYKO DINNER SPEECH TO VISITING DANISH
FOREIGN MINISTER IS EXTREMELY TOUGH - ALBEIT
IMPLICITLY - ON NATO AND U.S. PLANS AND ATTITUDES.
WHILE GROMYKO ACCENTUATES THE NEGATIVE, HE DOES
EMPHASIZE SIGNIFICANCE OF OBTAINING STRATEGIC ARMS
AGREEMENT WITH U.S. AND EXPRESSES HOPE THAT EASTERN
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MBFR PROPOSALS WILL LEAD TO MOVEMENT IN RESOLUTION
OF THIS PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) JUNE 16 PRAVDA CARRIES TASS
ACCOUNT OF TALKS BETWEEN GROMYKO AND VISITING DANISH
FON. MIN. ANDERSEN AND OF EXCHANGE OF DINNER SPEECHES
BETWEEN TWO. LITTLE INFORMATION IS GIVEN ON CONTENT

OF TALKS WHICH ARE SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN A
"FRIENDLY, BUSINESSLIKE" ATMOSPHERE.

2. IN HIS SPEECH, GROMYKO NOTED FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- BOTH IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-DANISH BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP AND PROGRESS IN SUPPLEMENTING POLITICAL
DETENTE WITH MILITARY COMPONENT REQUIRE JOINT
EFFORTS OF APPROPRIATE STATES. INDIVIDUAL STATES,
NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL, CANNOT SOLVE TASKS ON A
WORLD SCALE.

-- DISARMAMENT IS A COMPLICATED PROCESS. IT IS NOT
EASY TO OVERCOME EFFORTS OF THOSE WHO "TRY TO
REALIZE THEIR OWN MERCENARY INTERESTS UNDER COVER
OF FABRICATIONS ABOUT THE GROWING 'SOVIET THREAT'."
ATTENTION MUST BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE "DANGEROUS
TENDENCY" IN THE POLICY OF A NUMBER OF STATES TO
"SUBSTITUTE CONTROL OVER ARMS FOR REAL DISARMAMENT"
SINCE VOLUME OF ARMS CAN GROW MANY TIMES UNTIL
CONTROL IS ACHIEVED.

-- SOVIET UNION, AS INDICATED AT THE SSOD, WILL
CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OTHERS ON PROBLEM OF DISARM-
AMENT DESPITE "INFLUENTIAL FORCES HINDERING DISARM-
AMENT TODAY."
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-- AT SAME TIME SSOD WAS MEETING IN N.Y., ANOTHER,
SMALLER MEETING TOOK PLACE IN U.S. CAPITAL. THIS
LATTER MEETING, GATHERED TO PLAN AN ARMAMENTS
PROGRAM FOR 10 OR EVEN 20 YEARS, WAS AIMED IN A
DIFFERENT DIRECTION FROM THE SSOD. "BUT WE BELIEVE,"
SAID GROMYKO, "THAT THE DANISH PEOPLE . . . DO NOT
WANT WAR AND THE PREPARATION FOR WAR."

-- SOVIET UNION ATTACHES GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF SALT AGREEMENT WITH U.S.,
CTB, AND MBFR AND IS COOPERATING TO ACHIEVE
PRACTICAL AGREEMENT.

-- NEW (MBFR) PROPOSALS IN VIENNA ARE KNOWN TO NATO
COUNTRIES. "I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS HOPE," DECLARED
GROMYKO, "THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE EVALUATED IN
THE PROPER WAY AND THAT MOVEMENT TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT
OF AGREEMENT IN THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION WILL TAKE
PLACE . . ."

3. IN HIS SHORTER, ANSWERING SPEECH (TASS ACCOUNT

APPEARS TO HAVE ABRIDGED BOTH SPEECHES), ANDERSEN NOTED THAT, DESPITE UPS AND DOWNS, DETENTE WAS HEADED IN RIGHT DIRECTION. SWITCHING GROMYKO'S LANGUAGE ABOUT, ANDERSEN AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SEPARATE POLITICAL ASPECT OF DETENTE FROM ITS MILITARY ASPECTS. THEREFORE, HE SAID, DENMARK ATTACHES GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO U.S.-SOVIET STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS AND TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO TASS, ANDERSEN THEN EMPHASIZED GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND GAVE A POSITIVE ASSESSMENT TO BELGRADE MEETING AT WHICH ALL PARTICIPATING STATES HAD "AFFIRMED THEIR WILL TO PUT THE FINAL ACT INTO PRACTICE." (END UNCLASSIFIED)

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4. COMMENT: PUBLICLY LECTURING VISITING FOREIGN MINISTER OF A NATO COUNTRY ON NATO SHORTCOMINGS - AND SEPARATING DANISH "PEOPLE" FROM NATO PLANS - WOULD NOT SEEM BEST WAY FOR GROMYKO AND CO. TO

WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE IN DENMARK. NOR
IS REPEATED, ALBEIT IMPLICIT, CRITICISM OF U.S.
ATTITUDES AND POLICIES (E.G., IDEA OF "SOVIET
THREAT" AND "CONTROL" OVER ARMS AS OPPOSED TO
"REAL DISARMAMENT") A TYPICAL SUBJECT FOR A SPEECH
TO A NATO FOREIGN MINISTER. THIS CRITICAL EMPHASIS
IN GROMYKO'S SPEECH WOULD SEEM TO REFLECT SOVIET
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CONCERN OVER RECENT NATO POLICY DISCUSSIONS AND
U.S.-SOVIET POLICY DIFFERENCES. AGAINST THIS
SOMBER BACKGROUND, HOWEVER, WE NOTE GROMYKO'S
POSITIVE REFERENCES TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF
SALT TALKS AND TO EASTERN MBFR PROPOSALS.
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